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LAW OF THE LAND

It is the law of the land that all vehicles travelling upon the roads of Delaware shall carry lights when on the public highway at night, or even one hour after sunset.

This law was enacted by the last Legislature and will be found in the volume of laws just printed. In this connection we desire to call attention to the features of this new law as to the penalties for failure to perform the duties described therein.

One of the conditions which every person who travels after dark will do it may be of vital interest should an accident happen, is that which provides that any person driving after dark, or without lights on any vehicle, on the public road of Delaware, shall have no standing in court whatever should his car be involved on or other vehicle which he may be driving, be damaged, wrecked or destroyed by any other vehicle which is provided by the law as law directs.

It is nothing could be recovered by a suit at law under such conditions, even though he may not have been the one responsible for the wreck or loss.

It is in these days of fast and reckless driving, no person can afford to take the chances which the law sets up.

When it is generally known, there are a few people in every community who in recklessness, or devilishness, would take delight in smashing the vehicle without lights after dark, and there would be no redress for the victim. Therefore, for personal safety the observation of the law should be general. —Middletown Chronicle.

The more national divorce statistics are studied the more puzzling they become. The theory, for example, that increasing divorce is due to growing desire for freedom on the part of women, and to their economic independence, remarks Portland Oregonian, does not correspond with the fact more and more women demand and receive alimony, which indicates that freedom is not the only object sought. In the 20-year period prior to 1906 alimony was sought in only 13.2 per cent of cases and granted in only 9.2 per cent. In 1916 alimony was sought in 20.2 per cent of cases and granted in 15.2 per cent. It is practically always the wife who gets the alimony. The ease with which alimony is obtained, however, varies greatly in the states. It is granted in less than 1 per cent of cases in Pennsylvania and in 61 per cent of cases in Michigan. Children figure in a diminishing proportion of cases, a fact which is also referred, for what it may be worth, to those who like to moralize.

It is estimated that insects cost the United States each year close to a billion dollars. That represents damage to all sorts of crops, as well as the trouble and expense incurred to keep this damage from being greater still. And a wise bird policy, adopted and adhered to throughout the country, would cut off a large share, perhaps a major share, of this waste.

Maybe, also, some of these days it will be explained why it is that on the day a man cannot get out to the game, it is a 12-inning affair, 1 to 0, in favor of the home team, and on the day he can get out to the game, it is called in the first half of the sixth inning on account of rain, with the score 14 to 11 in favor of the other fellows.

Some of the ex-kings of Europe are reported to be badly in need of cash. They may have the novel experience of having to work for a living, in which case, they could easily secure good-paying jobs in America. The novelty over here of bossing a king would induce many to make that a consideration in the salary.

As an evidence of good faith, the united telephone outfit might try to stop the otherwise useful and operational operators marring their operations by that maddening interjection, "I beg your pardon," when they have committed no offense whatever.

If they have discovered a talking monkey he will be able to express his opinion of the fellow with the hand organ who bundles him up on hot summer days and drags him around at the end of a string.

In justice to our soldiers let the ships which bring them back return to Europe filled with undesirables who are trying to undo what the soldiers have done.

Perhaps American returned soldiers from rural districts will be more content to go back to the farm and raise good food after seeing the high prices in Paris and their duplication here.

"TWO BITS" DESERVES MEDAL

America has been taught an excellent lesson in thrift through the government sale of war savings stamps. Too frequently nowadays the fact that pennies make dollars is lost sight of, says Cleveland Plain-Dealer. Announcement by the United States treasury that savings stamps will continue a regular part of the government's financing is welcome. Many financiers smiled when news came from New York soon after this country entered the war that Frank A. Vanderlip, then president of the National City bank, America's largest financial institution, was going to Washington to devote his time to the sale of 25-cent stamps to help win the war. But the old adage that "he who laughs last laughs best" is quite applicable to this campaign of saving inaugurated to help defeat Germany. With the news that the sale of stamps is to continue come figures showing that these penny savings stamps of the nation paid nearly one-third of the cost of the war up to June 1. Thrift stamp sales totaled \$856,023,121—no trifling sum, for it nearly equals the entire amount required for government expenses in any normal year.

The War Mothers are doing a patriotic thing in encouraging toymaking as a profession for returned wounded soldiers. It is a natural suggestion from the sentiment aroused by the shipment here of German-made toys, and the work of the War Mothers will probably arouse public opinion to approval of the development of this industry through the wounded men. There is no reason why a country of such resources as this should depend on any foreign manufacturers for its toys, and the wide field which the war has opened in this matter to native industry and enterprise could be occupied in no better way than by giving employment to the men who have lost their own work through their services on the field.

A member of the German national assembly, speaking on the ratification of the peace treaty, protested against Alsace-Lorraine being torn from Germany, and said he hoped the people of those provinces would retain their German character. As the Germans during their occupation did so much to conciliate those people, the Zabern incident being an illustration, they are now naturally hurt and indignant at the ingratitude shown in return. Huns are now getting some practical lessons in the practical utility of frightfulness as a policy.

Binder twine cost the farmer 150 per cent more in 1918 than in 1914; barbed wire, 99 per cent; barrels for apples, 104 per cent; half-bushel baskets, 45 per cent; buggies, 57 per cent; double wagons, 71 per cent; harness, 66 per cent; horse blankets, 96 per cent; paris green, 123 per cent; grain sacks, 182 per cent; nails, 57 per cent; wire fence, 92 per cent. These are averages for the United States.

About all that can be said for the American army major who got into trouble over the awards he made at a war baby show, held on a troop transport bringing American soldiers and their French wives and families from Europe, is that he is probably suffering from an obscure form of shell shock as yet not known to the doctors who inspect returning soldiers.

Extortionate rents have driven some Romans to the prehistoric caves of Rome. It is to be hoped the forces of environment and suggestion will not develop them into real cave-men, or they will make Rome howl with a vengeance.

The high price of pork is said to be due to prospective demand from Europe. This is a look into the future which explains, at the same time, why a lot of people here will have to get along without it.

In a Massachusetts seminary the prettiest girl there is also the best bread maker. And with such matrimonial prizes right at hand, Americans are bringing home 10,000 brides from France!

They have just discovered a new one—a League for Protection of William II. Now the thing to do is arrange a world's series with the League of Nations.

It took Columbus a matter of some three months to find this country, but the country is going to be on water a whole lot longer than Columbus was.

As a rule, when a man manages to sell himself at his own valuation there is a pretty good clinch that there is a swindled purchaser in the community.

Whether the fire that destroyed the sultan's palace was of incendiary origin can be better determined after the amount of insurance is announced.

All canoes should bear the label, "This side up and handle with care."

If hog prices go much higher the best some of us can do will be to sport a photograph of a side of bacon on the living-room wall.

A lot of time and trouble were wasted trying to put an end to saving day-light.

A rattlesnake gives a warning, but the bomb planter is lower down in the scale.

The American Legion, the national group of war veterans, will organize women auxiliaries. The women of the country stood hand in hand with the men in the war, doing everything except the actual fighting, working under fire abroad in any kind of work they could do, and organizing countless activities at home. In the memory of this time which tried men's souls, to be kept up, the organization would be incomplete without the women who, from yeoman to nurse, nobly did their bit.

The British government has some difficulties that we escape. The man who invented anti-submarine smoke boxes, and had them accepted, is stirring up a lot of disturbance. He says he was promised a knighthood, and if he can't be Sir Charles Hannan he'll find out why. We pay in cash and have it done with. That is the better plan.

While the farmer bit off a chew of tobacco in 1918 from a plug that cost him 71 per cent more than in 1914 he wore a flannel shirt that cost 130 per cent more in 1918 than in 1914; a felt hat, 70 per cent more; shoes, 76 per cent more; and a suit of clothing, 96 per cent more.

Sir Douglas Haig may believe it was the British empire that won the war, but we have a notion that the road to victory was found through the Argentine forest, where the grass is growing green today over the bodies of American heroes.

The federal reserve banks have been ordered to extend all possible financial assistance to the growers of cattle, but nothing has been heard of any movement to aid the buyers of meat.

One of the courses given by the federal board for vocational education to soldiers disabled in the war that opens up a promising future is that of business management. The nature of this work is such as to require not only very special training but the possession of certain personal qualifications. This necessitates a very careful survey of the applicants for this course, in order to insure their making good. Sound judgment needed in adjusting the relationships of the workers to the work and a practical knowledge of the work itself are essential to success. The board is supervising the training of men in this course. Physical handicaps are not necessarily hindrances to success in the business manager's job. A high-grade intelligence is the chief requisite.

It is difficult even yet to reckon the extent of the problem of re-educating the disabled soldier, but from the experience thus far gained the federal board for vocational education is convinced that the American soldier is more interested in the offered retraining than any foreign soldier has been. Perhaps this is due to the liberality of the provisions made in our country. Judging from the experience of our allies about 5 per cent of any given group of wounded men will be given retraining. That would give 10,000 men to be retrained out of the 200,000 wounded, but the board estimates an even larger percentage among American soldiers, as it anticipates that there will be 15,000 or even 20,000 men who will ask for re-education and placement.

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Hayes Tells Experiences.

Shipwreck, Storm, Maddened Lions
and Tigers Among Her
Adventures.

New York.—Shipwreck, storm and peril from lions and tigers that were driven insane with fear were among the adventures recounted by Maud A. Hayes, wife of Scott Hayes, son of former President Rutherford B. Hayes, who arrived here with her husband from a trip to South America.

Mrs. Hayes sailed from New York May 20 on the Chilean mail steamer Lluimar. On June 8 in a calm sea the Lluimar went aground off Santa Rosa, on the north shore of Peru. Passengers and crew took to the boats and a few hours later encountered a violent storm which Mrs. Hayes said lashed the waves to a height of 30 feet and tossed the lifeboats about like cockleshells.

The refugees were finally rescued by the Peruvian ship Mantaro, but only to be confronted with a new peril.

The Mantaro carried a traveling menagerie and the lions, tigers and monkeys were driven frantic by the storm. The larger animals made desperate efforts to break from their cages and their howls added to the terrors of the storm, while the monkeys actually did escape, and fled, chattering wildly, to all parts of the ship.

Mrs. Hayes arrived here on the Santa Luise from Valparaiso.

Capt. W. T. Crossely commander of the ship, said that 300 persons lost their lives in the storm, which ravaged the port of Valparaiso July 18.

The Santa Luise was taken 100 miles out to sea to weather the storm, which sent to the bottom about ten ships, including some interned German liners which had remained in port.

MRS. WILLIAM E. APPLETON



Mrs. William E. Appleton, an American who has lived in London 11 years, has just returned there for a six weeks' visit after 15 months in America. She says the English women's success in industry during war has not threatened home life.

"DRY" LAW CLOSES OLD INNS

Hostelries Where Washington and Lafayette Were Entertained Are Hit.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Inns in existence since colonial days are among those closed by the wartime prohibition law. One of the most noted is the Gen. Wayne Inn, on the Montgomery pike outside of Philadelphia, which was opened in 1704 by Quaker settlers as the Wayside Inn. "Mad" Anthony Wayne used the inn as his headquarters during the Revolutionary war and it has been a polling place for more than 200 years.

Turk's Head Inn at West Chester has closed its doors. In Revolutionary times it was visited by General Washington, Lafayette, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Colonel Taylor and many other officers of Washington's army.

Men's Heads Bigger?
Bosh! Say Scientists

Philadelphia.—"Pish! Tush!" said psychologists and anatomists of the University of Pennsylvania, commenting on the statement of hat manufacturers to the effect that men's heads were growing larger. "It's all rot!" said Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, in charge of the physical work of the university. "The theory could not possibly be sustained by facts unless," he added, with a twinkle in his eye, "unless it is a reflection from Germany. They seem to be suffering from swelled heads just now."

"The fact is interesting if true," said Dr. Lightner Witmer, head of the department of psychology of the university. "I can't think of a reason in the world for the fact, if fact it is. I'm very much inclined to doubt the truth of the statement."

A famous convict, recaptured after various sensational escapes, complains that nearly all the big hauls he made by his robberies was spent in blackmail exacted by a fellow-criminal, who betrayed him when the money was gone. The convict seemed to feel a great wrong was done him by the blackmailer in taking the money he himself had taken from its rightful owners, which emphasizes one of the curious traits in human nature.

HOTELS AS HOMES.

The apparently unlimited willingness of capitalists to invest millions upon millions of dollars in the erection of magnificent hotels makes natural the speculation as to whether we are on the way to becoming a country of hotel dwellers. As fast as each new hotel, with its thousands of rooms and ingenious refinements of comfort and service, is completed it is instantly filled, starts a waiting list, and only regrets that it has not a few hundred more rooms to be let at a minimum of \$5 a day. Americans who can afford such luxuries—and there are more in this class than ever before—are flocking into hotels because living conditions, particularly in the greater cities, are abnormal, says Spokane Spokesman-Review. If the abnormal conditions become permanent and therefore normal, the hotel dwellers will increase and the American home will become a new sort of thing entirely. The multiplicity of new fortunes has intensified the search for luxurious living conditions and made consideration of expense negligible. Then there is a great shortage of suitable houses, created by the suspension of building during the war years. Finally we have the servant problem. It is this last more than any other factor that is hastening the trend toward hotels.

Judging by recent reports, about the only difference between aviation on a war basis and on a peace basis is that the daring young aviators who now come to grief are listed as fatalities instead of casualties.

In view of the ascending price of food, if the army doesn't sell the surplus foodstuffs that were stored up for this summer's campaign pretty soon, the government may have to declare a dividend.

Youth with too much precocity and age burdened with adolescence are not calculated to win much favor among people who are basking in the sunshine of the middle-age spread.

The penny taxes on luxuries are so numerous and persistent that many people are finding it difficult to have money to put in the church collection plates.

Trains and interurbans still lead in the contest with the automobile as to the right of way at crossings.

CHRISTIANS IN EAST SUFFER

Doctor Barton, Back From Asia Minor,
Relates Hardships of Deported
People.

Saloniki.—Rev. James Levi Barton, president of the American commission for relief in the near East and secretary general of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, has just arrived in Saloniki to visit the missionary schools after a journey of more than 5,000 miles in Turkey, Asia Minor, Armenia and Mesopotamia.

On his arrival Doctor Barton said: "I found the Christian populations in an extremely deplorable condition. Hundreds of thousands of persons, who had been deported from their homes found themselves at various points in Turkey forced to live on charity."

"The American commission for relief, in entire collaboration with the Greek and Armenian committees is doing everything possible to maintain the lives of the unfortunates."

PRODUCE STORAGE INCREASES

Reports for This Year Show Gain of
40,000,000 Pounds in Butter,
1,378,000 Cases in Eggs.

Washington.—Large increases in the amounts of butter and eggs in cold storage this year, over totals a year ago, were reported by the agricultural department.

There were 302 storages which reported in 1918 holding stocks of 68,202,000 pounds of butter, while the same storages on July 15 this year held 108,352,000 pounds. The 372 storages reporting eggs on July 15 this year held 7,670,000 cases, against 6,292,000 cases a year ago.

Stocks of frozen and cured fish in storage showed a decrease on July 15 of 4 per cent, as compared with a year ago, present holdings including 58,994,000 pounds of frozen fish, 29,147,000 pounds of cured herring and 6,822,000 pounds of mild cured salmon.

Mouse in a Pie.

Topeka, Kan.—A full-grown mouse in a pie he sold brought a fine of \$25 and \$7.50 costs to Carl Singer, a Wichita baker. The pie was bought by a boy for a lunch for members of the office force of a produce company. The report from O. H. Graves, deputy pure food officer, didn't state whether it was a mince pie or not. Anyway, the pie purchasers made complaint. Singer had two counts charged against him—selling poisonous substances in food and for keeping uncovered cooked food.

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"	125	8,000
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"	116	8,500
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Tatman	154	12,000
McIntyre	40	6,000
Jarrell	54	6,700
Lewis, D. W.	349	17,000
"	193	20,000
Gam	146	10,000
"	137	12,000
"	120	10,000
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THE NEW SCHOOL CODE

To the Editor:

When the School Code was pending in the General Assembly, the writer and others who, like himself, were favorably disposed to the proposition as tending for better school conditions and facilities, through your valuable columns and the columns of others, tried to get the public and particularly the press to understand the provisions of the measure then in process of making. Among the papers who were asked to print articles of criticism of some features of the measure was the Every Evening, but throughout the State there was a spirit of letting those in charge of the measure have their own way. Even after the passage of the measure by a bare majority vote of the House, and that majority secured by the changing of the vote of Representative McNabb, who stated in so changing that he was in favor of it but was willing to give it a chance, every proposal to have the Courts pass upon the question has been met by the almost solid opposition of the press. Even your own paper, while according the freest use of your columns to such communications as the necessity of the hour demanded, has been unusually loud in calling for its acceptance than the Every Evening. When the Newark Board of Education was holding back from acceptance, that paper urged prompt and full acceptance. Several times since the passage of the Code of Education has had the matter under consideration, it has taken the same stand. But apparently, some have worked his way into the sanctum of Every Evening with a hammer to his hands and succeeded in beating into their heads the necessity of accepting and looking into the law. Thereupon, it finds out, as has been repeatedly explained, that the Code applies to Wilmington with the same force that it applies to Middletown. Then comes the editorial of last Monday and such a wall as goes up. Just as long as Every Evening believed the provisions of the code only took from such unimportant places as Newark, New Castle, Middletown and dozens of other places of like towns, the control of their schools from Boards of Education elected from among the citizens of those places, and gave such control to the State Board of Education composed of members appointed by the Governor and in a great majority of such communities no representation could be had on such Board, the Code was a wonderful piece of constructive legislation and any person or anybody who dared criticize it was not a good citizen. But when Every Evening learned, as it could have learned six months ago by a cursory reading of the code, that as provided in the very first section of the code, "the general administration and supervision of the free public schools and of the educational interests of the State shall be vested in a State Department of Education, at the head of which shall be a State Board of Education" etc., and that Wilmington is a part of the said State, a change came over the spirit of the dream. The Code, according to the editorial referred to, creates a condition "that may well be viewed with apprehension by the people of Wilmington."

One point that Every Evening makes is exactly the point that this correspondent made in a former communication to The Transcript. As stated by Every Evening, this is as follows: "In a word, under the new code, the control of the Wilmington schools would be virtually removed from the Wilmington Board of Education and given to the State Board of Education, a majority of whose members are not residents of the city of Wilmington. And the executive officer of the State Board of Education, the state commissioner of education, who is a resident of Dover, would have authority paramount to that of our Board of Education and of the superintendent of our public schools."

There can be no doubt as to the truth of the above. But it is not new. It has been as self-evident for six months as it is now. It was repeatedly called to the attention of the people of Delaware through communications to the press, and has as repeatedly been answered in one of two ways. Usually, by a short editorial that the writer was an alarmist, and in one instance by one of the Wilmington papers by the statement that the writer seemed to have a grudge against A. R. Spaid, then as now State Commissioner of Education. So far as this writer is concerned, there is no personal feeling against Mr. Spaid, and for Mr. Miller and Mr. Dupont, the two members of the State Board of Education from this County both of whom by the way, are residents of Wilmington, he has the highest admiration and regard. No two men in the County of New Castle, in my estimation, have a deeper sense of the importance of their position and no two men could better fill them. It is not the men that I have criticized, but the measure itself. No one doubts the need of better schools in some localities or in all. But regard should have been paid to the conditions as they were, and of the class of people that the rural districts of this State comprise.

Had the sponsors for the law have taken the people into their confidence, met them in a spirit of doing what is best for the whole community, shown them the need of better facilities, and how the code would fill this need, and that though it would probably cost more to operate our schools in the future than in the past, every dollar of the increased expenses would be apparent in the results obtained, there would have been a different feeling relation to the code. Instead of this American way of doing things, however, those who were responsible for the code adopted the Kaiser plan of introducing the act on almost the last day for the introduction of new business, delaying the printing thereof, refusing to re-lituate the printed copies, and saying in effect, "You poor boobies do not know what is best for you. Pass this and go home." And that is exactly what was done. After attaching more than 40 amendments to the act after midnight of the last day of the session, by a bare majority the law squeezed through. The writer asked the editor of one of the leading Wilmington dailies if he would explain the attitude of those papers towards the letters criticizing the code. His answer was there are certain big people back of the code and we have to stand with them.

The people who are now paying the largely increased taxes to meet the enormous charges for supervision and other details of the code and school system will have a chance to express their opinion next year when a new Legislature is chosen, and from the manner in which they are now expressing themselves, they will not be influenced by the big people back of the code.

Now, Mr. Editor, please understand my position, I am and have always been strongly in favor of improved schools. I believe the new code contains some very valuable points, and comparatively few bad ones. But those bad ones are so very bad they have swallowed up and hidden the good ones. If proper representations had been made to the people a much better code

would have resulted, one that would have had the enthusiastic support of good citizens. But I seriously doubt whether anything that can be done this year can save the code. Of one thing I am surely convinced. Should the Governor for any purpose, call a special session of the last legislature, the first business to be done at that session would be to repeal the school code. The State Board of Education may be able to show results somewhat commensurate with the cost. If so, the next Legislature might be satisfied with amending the present code so as to eliminate the admittedly bad features and retain the good. But, unless they do, and education gets a setback in Delaware for possibly many years. Any one that doubts this, ask the first tax payer you meet this question "Have you paid your school tax?"

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